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SUBJECT:CIVAIR: PAA-IRAN AIR CHARTER ARRANGEMENT

DEPT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT CAB STAFF DISCUSSED PAA-IRAN AIR SUBCHARTER ARRANGEMENT WITH PAA ATTORNEY FOR FLIGHT WHICH DEPARTED ON OCTOBER 6. BECAUSE OF IMMINENCE OF FLIGHT, NO PRIOR BOARD APPROVAL WAS REQUIRED. HOWEVER, SINCE IRAN AIR NOW UNDER CAB ORDER TO SEEK PRIOR APPROVAL FOR ON-ROUTE AND OFF-ROUTE CHARTER FLIGHTS, CAB CONSIDERS IT LIKELY THAT IT WOULD APPLY SAME RESTRICTIONS TO SUBSEQUENT SUBCHARTERS TO PAA. HENCE, SUBCHARTERING OFFERS AT BEST A TEMPORARY REMEDY FOR PAA AND WOULD PROBABLY NOT SUCCEED AS MEANS OF HANDLING ONGOING CHARTER FLIGHTS AND OVERCOMING IRAN AIR INTRANSIGENCE. ALSO, THOUGH PAA ASSERTED IT WOULD NOT PAY IRAN AIR FOR SUBCHARTER (A LEVY THAT WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO "NON-OBJECTION FEE") BOARD STAFF INDICATED ENTIRE ARRANGEMENT WAS "SUSPECT" SINCE THERE WAS APPARENTLY NO CONSIDERATION OFFERED FOR CONTRACT BETWEEN IRAN AIR AND PAN AM. KISSINGER
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